

CANCER BURDEN

In 2003, the American Cancer Society estimates¹

- 1,334,100 new cancer cases will be diagnosed in the United States, including 15,200 in Colorado.
- 556,500 cancer deaths will occur in the United States, including 6,300 in Colorado.

The average annual age-adjusted mortality rate for cancer deaths per 100,000 persons²

Colorado: 174.4 **National:** 202.3

Colorado ranks 49th highest overall in cancer mortality rates among the 50 states and Washington, D.C.

LUNG CANCER

In 2003, the American Cancer Society estimates¹

- 1,600 new cases of lung cancer will be diagnosed among men and women in Colorado.
- 1,500 men and women will die of lung cancer in Colorado.

The average annual age-adjusted mortality rates for lung cancer deaths per 100,000 persons, by race, 1996–2000³

	Colorado	National
Overall	41.8	56.8
White	41.8	56.7
Black	54.2	66.4
Hispanic	28.9	25.4
Asian/Pacific Islander	25.4	28.5
American Indian/Alaska Native	33.2	37.2

BREAST CANCER

In 2003, the American Cancer Society estimates¹

- 2,500 new cases of breast cancer will be diagnosed among women in Colorado.
- 500 women will die of breast cancer in Colorado.

The average annual age-adjusted mortality rates for breast cancer deaths per 100,000 persons, by race, 1996–2000³

	Colorado	National
Overall	24.0	27.7
White	24.1	27.2
Black	36.0	35.9
Hispanic	18.4	17.8
Asian/Pacific Islander	-	12.5
American Indian/Alaska Native	-	14.9

COLORECTAL CANCER

In 2003, the American Cancer Society estimates¹

- 1,600 new cases of colorectal cancer will be diagnosed among men and women in Colorado.
- 600 men and women will die of colorectal cancer in Colorado.

The average annual age-adjusted mortality rates for colorectal cancer deaths per 100,000 persons, by race, 1996–2000³

	Colorado	National
Overall	18.4	21.2
White	18.4	20.7
Black	23.7	28.5
Hispanic	16.7	14.2
Asian/Pacific Islander	12.0	13.1
American Indian/Alaska Native	-	14.7

PROSTATE CANCER

In 2003, the American Cancer Society estimates¹

- 2,600 new cases of prostate cancer will be diagnosed among men in Colorado.
- 300 men will die of prostate cancer in Colorado.

The average annual age-adjusted mortality rates for prostate cancer deaths per 100,000 persons, by race, 1996–2000³

	Colorado	National
Overall	30.5	32.9
White	29.9	30.2
Black	76.4	73.0
Hispanic	26.1	24.3
Asian/Pacific Islander	-	13.9
American Indian/Alaska Native	-	21.9

¹ Source: American Cancer Society Facts and Figures, 2003. Estimates exclude more than a million cases of basal and squamous cell skin cancers and in situ cancers, except urinary bladder, that will be diagnosed in 2003. Lung cancer rates include bronchus cancer. Colorado death totals were rounded to nearest 100.

² Source: CDC National Center for Health Statistics, vital statistics data, underlying cause of death, 1996–2000. Death rates are per 100,000 and are age-adjusted to the 2000 U.S. standard population.

³ Hyphens represent suppression of rates when there were 75,000 or fewer persons in the denominator or 20 or fewer deaths in the numerator.